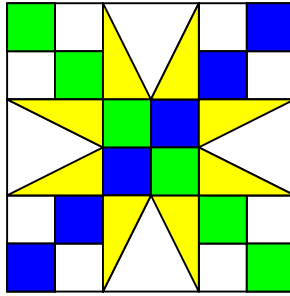


Block of the Month - November 2003

Variation of the 54-40 Block



Description:

This block is made with a combination of paper-pieced units and 4-patches. Strip piecing is used to make the 4-patches.

Fabric Requirements for one block:

Yellow: Focus Fabric, one 6" wide by 22" long

Blue: Coordinating Color 1, one strip 17" long by 2 ½" wide

Green: Coordinating Color 2, one strip 17" long by 2 ½" wide

White: Background, one 6" wide strip width-of-fabric

Note: fabric allowances are given for usage of either Triangles on a Roll or Thangles. If making the blocks without use of these, then you may need a little more fabric than what is listed in the pattern.

Cutting:

Background Fabric (Shown in White)	2 - 2 ½" wide by 11" long strips 4 - 5" squares
Focus Fabric (Shown in Yellow)	8 - 6" by 3" rectangles
Coordinate 1 (shown in Blue)	1 - 2 ½" wide by 11" long strip 1 - 2 ½" wide by 6" long strip
Coordinate 2 (shown in Green)	1 - 2 ½" wide by 11" long strip 1 - 2 ½" wide by 6" long strip

Piecing:

- Using the 4 copies of the paper-pieced pattern, the focus fabric rectangles and the squares of background fabric paper-piece the 4 star-point sections.
- Sew strip sets using the following combinations of fabric - 11" sections of Background Fabric & Coordinate 1, 11" sections of Background Fabric & Coordinate 2, and the 6" sections of Coordinate 1 & Coordinate 2.
- Press the strip sets open.
- Cut 4 - 2 ½" wide sections from both of the Background/Coordinate strip sets. Cut 2 - 2 ½" wide sections from the remaining strip set.
- Sew the sections cut in step 4 together to make 4 patches - you should have 5 4-patches when through. Press open. Label the 4 patches as follows - Coordinate 1 &

Coordinate 2 → Center, Coordinate 1 & Background → C1, and Coordinate 2 & Background → C2.

6. Sewing the Rows together -

- Row 1 - C2, Paper-pieced Star Points, C1
- Row 2 - Paper-pieced Star Points, Center, Paper-pieced Star Points
- Row 3 - C1, Paper-pieced Star Points, C2

Note: be sure to make sure that the Star points and 4-patches are sewn together in the same direction that are shown in the block picture at the top.

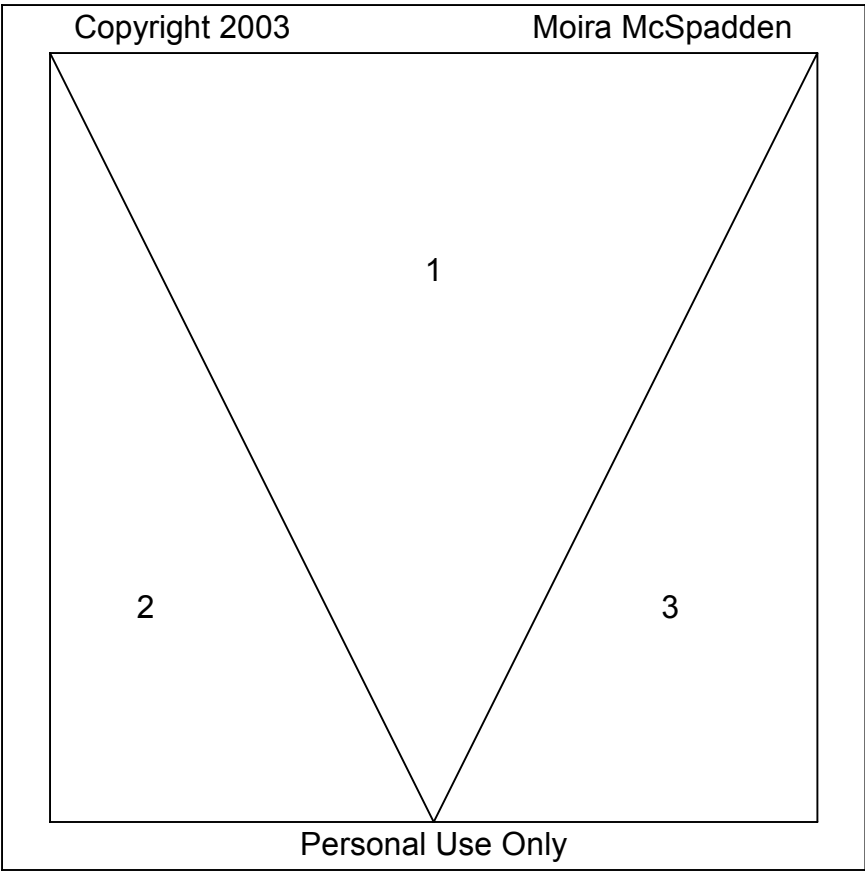
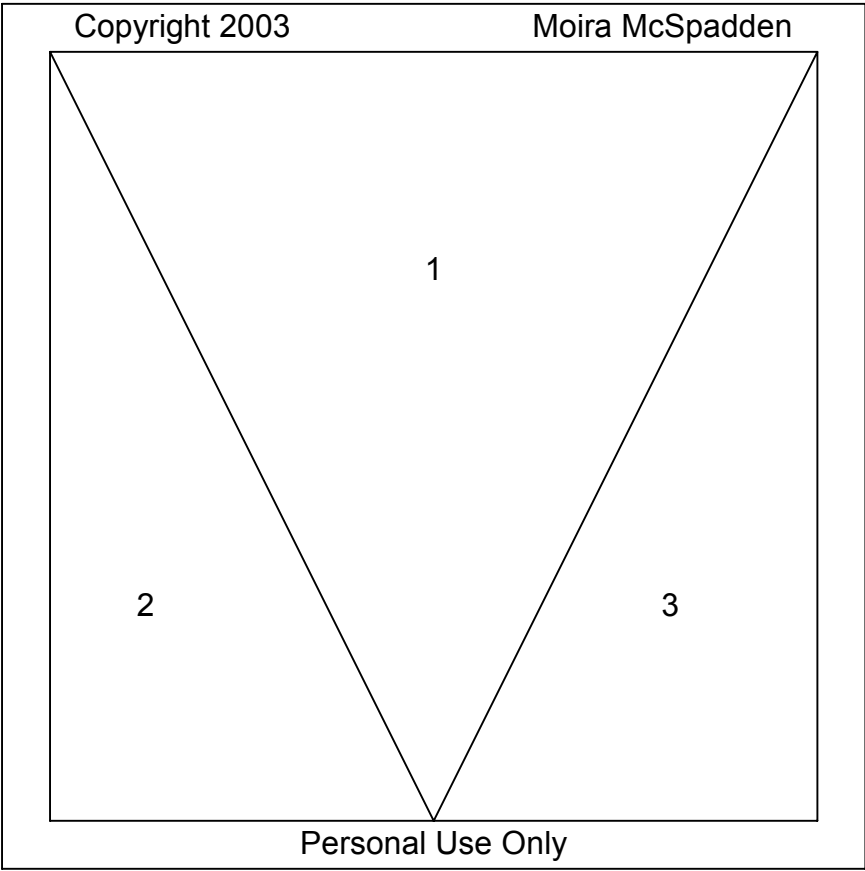
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Note: Be sure to use a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance when sewing the squares together.

Skills to Learn/Reinforce:

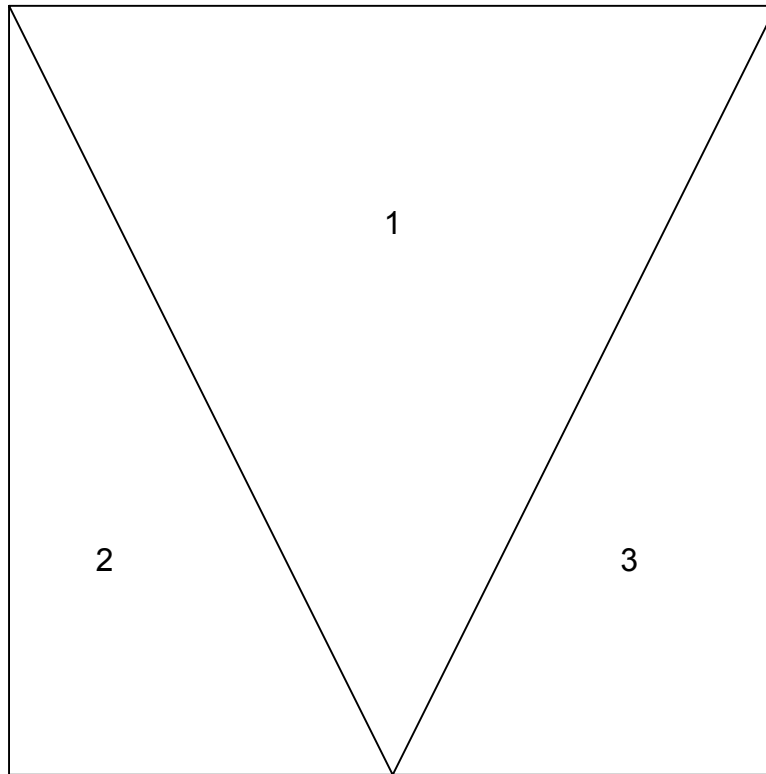
Piecing with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam.

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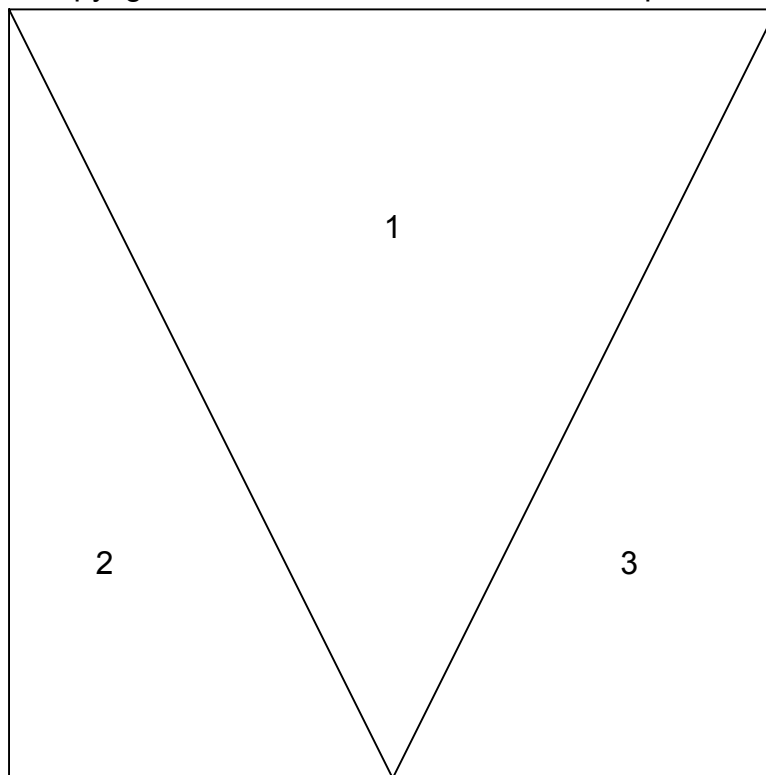
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